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SUBJECT: SCHLEBUSCH REPORT ON SAIRR

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BEGIN SUMMARY: SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION ON SOUTH AFRICAN
INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS CLEARS ORGANIZATION OF ANY MAJOR
MISDEEDS, BUT WARNS IT OF INFILTRATION BY RADICAL ELEMENTS.
END SUMMARY.

1. LOST IN GENERAL BULLABALOO SURROUNDING SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION'S REPORT ON NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (NUSAS) (REFTEL) WAS COMMISSION'S ISSUANCE ON SAME DAY OF REPORT ON SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS(SAIRR).

2. MUCH SHORTER DOCUMENT LARGELY COMPILATION OF TESTIMONY OF THOSE SAIRR MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO HAD NOT REFUSED TO
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TESTIFY BEFORE COMMISSION. COMMISSION ACCEPTS SAIRR'S SELF-DEFINITION AS ADVOCATE OF PEACEFUL AND EVOLUTIONARY CHANGE

BUT CRITICIZES ITS LEADERSHIP FOR IMPRECISION OF DEFINITION "ULTIMATE UTOPIA" IT WORKING TOWARDS AND FOR LACK OF CONTROL OVER CERTAIN PROGRAMS. SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL CRITICISM ARE YOUTH ACTIVITIES HEADED BY FORMER NUSAS OFFICIAL CLIVE NETTLETON. LATTER IS ACCUSED OF HAVING INTRODUCED SENSITIVITY TRAINING AND BLACK POWER IDEOLOGY INTO PROGRAMS UNDER HIS DIRECTION. REPORT URGES SAIRR TO GUARD ITSELF AGAINST TAKEOVER BY NUSAS ALUMNI RADICALS.

3. MEMBER OF SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION TOLD POL COUNSELOR AUGUST 14 THAT SAIRR WAS "CLEAN" AND ALTHOUGH COMMISSION MEMBERS MIGHT DISAGREE WITH SOME OF SAIRR'S ACTIVITIES, COMMISSION SAW NO NEED TO RECOMMEND THAT SAG TAKE ANY MEASURES AGAINST ORGANIZATION. WHILE NUSAS WAS "A SURE BET" TO BE DECLARED AN "AFFECTED ORGANIZATION," COMMISSION MEMBER SAID HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN TO SAIRR.

4. OFFICIALS OF CAPE TOWN'S SAIRR OFFICE VIEW COMMISSION'S FINDINGS AS "VINDICATION" OF ORGANIZATION AND OF THOSE MEMBERS (A MINORITY) WHO REFUSED TO TESTIFY. YOUNGER MEMBERS OF SAIRR STAFF ("NUSAS RADICALS" SCHLEBUSCH WARNS OF) PREVIOUSLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT REPORT WOULD CONFIRM GENERALIZED GOVERNMENT VIEW THAT SAIRR HARMLESS AND INEFFECTUAL ORGANIZATION WHOSE CONTINUED EXISTENCE SERVES PURPOSE OF LETTING WHITE LIBERALS LET OFF SOME STEAM.

5. ACCORDING TO SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION SOURCE, INVESTIGATION INTO ACTIVITIES OF CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE (CI) AND NOW-DEFUNCT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT VIRTUALLY COMPLETED. HOWEVER, REPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN WRITTEN AND WILL NOT BE READY FOR THIS SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

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